

WATSON REINSTATED

On the Police Force, with Full Pay for Time Lost.

TELEPHONE CONDUIT ORDINANCE.

Providing for Underground Wires, Recommended to Council for Passage—Cows to be Prohibited Running at Large in the City Limits. The Reassessment and Liquor License Committee Ordinances Passed.

The Council committee on police met yesterday evening, for the purpose, apparently, of reinstating a policeman, because he was suspended according to the rules by Chief McNichols. The suspended policeman was Officer Jake Watson; he was present, on invitation, to give his side of the case, while Chief McNichols was given no opportunity to present his. Officer Watson was suspended by Chief McNichols on Tuesday afternoon. Early Tuesday morning the Mayor murder occurred, and all the policemen on their beats were ordered to different points to intercept the murderer. Officer Watson was ordered up to the bridges crossing the Ohio river, but instead of obeying orders, he was charged with having gone to a saloon where he heard Maier, the murderer, was accustomed to drink. That same morning he left his beat and went out of the city, missing a roll call. In accordance with the rules governing the police department Officer Watson was suspended. The rules forbid an officer in uniform entering a saloon unless in the discharge of his duty, and require him not to leave his beat without permission from the chief of police or the lieutenant on duty at headquarters.

At the meeting of the committee yesterday evening Officer Watson explained that when he was ordered to go and watch the river bridges last Tuesday morning he got another officer to attend to the duty for him. The reason he left the city without permission was because a friend of his, who was trying to kill himself, was in town, and he had driven out into the country to get the man's sons to come in and take charge of the would-be suicide. The officer returned from the country shortly after 7 o'clock, thus missing a roll call at headquarters. He said that he had notified police headquarters that he was going to leave the city for awhile, but he did not say that he had received permission to leave.

Regardless of the fact that Officer Watson admitted having left the city and missed a roll call without permission, Mr. O'Kane, of course, rose and moved that the officer be restored to duty, and that his regular pay be allowed him for the time he was suspended. Mr. Meyer seconded Mr. O'Kane's motion, and they both voted down Mr. Klein, who said he did not object to reinstating Officer Watson, but he did object to paying him wages for the time during which he did no work.

Mr. Happy, the chairman, was the only other member of the committee present.

Mr. O'Kane then moved that Officer Shanley be allowed his pay for the time he was off duty, when he was dismissed without authority by the chief of police. Mr. O'Kane couldn't even get a second to his motion.

THE STONE BRIDGE

Will Cost \$6,000 to Finish—The Cost up to Date.

City Engineers Hoge and White yesterday evening presented to the Main street stone bridge commission a detailed exhibit of the cost of the structure to date. So far as the building of the bridge has advanced the cost has been \$123,068 14. The engineers estimate that it will require about \$6,000 to finish the bridge, the total cost, when completed, aggregating \$129,068 14. The city owes Paige, Carey & Co. \$19,119 16, and an engineer's bill of \$206 64, making the total amount still owing \$19,325 80. With the \$6,000 necessary to complete the bridge the city must still raise \$25,325 80.

Mr. L. G. Hallock, the superintendent engaged by the commission to finish the bridge, said he thought he could turn it over to the city completed in about four weeks. At to-night's meeting of Council the stone bridge commission will ask that some arrangements be made to provide the \$6,000 necessary to finish the bridge. The \$19,119 16 still owing Paige, Carey & Co. will be held in reserve, until all questions of damages to the adjacent ruined houses of the Goshorn estate have been settled.

City Engineer Hoge presented an estimate of the cost of the extension of the southwest wing wall of the bridge, made necessary by the caving in of the street and sidewalk at that point. The amount estimated by the engineers, \$411, will be withheld from the amount due the contractors, the commission holding that they are liable for the amount.

THE UNDERGROUND CONDUIT

Ordinance Recommended to Council, Other Ordinances Recommended.

The Council committees on streets, alleys and grades and on ordinances met in joint session yesterday evening to consider the report of the sub-committee on the underground telephone conduit ordinance. The committees were numerously represented, and the ordinance, as printed in the INTELLIGENCER, was passed with but one change. By this ordinance the telephone company is granted the right to lay underground conduits in the streets and alleys of the city, to be used in lieu of the unsightly poles that disfigure the streets.

The ordinance was read by sections and was satisfactory to all the members present. It grants a perpetual franchise to the company. The ordinance under which the telephone company is now working expires in 1896. President Metzger was asked when his company would begin to construct the underground circuits. He replied that he could do the most important part of the work within eighteen months. A section was appended to the ordinance providing that the ordinance shall expire in May, 1896, unless by that time the company shall have completed underground circuits on Main and Market streets from the south side of Tenth to the south side of Sixteenth street. This additional section was satisfactory to Mr. Metzger, and the ordinance was unanimously recommended to Council for passage. The joint committee adjourned, and the members of the committee on ordinances remained.

THE RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE.

City Solicitor Riley yesterday told the committee on ordinances that its instructions to the assessors to assess all real estate at three-fourths of its cash value were unconstitutional, as the con-

stitution requires that all taxation shall be uniform. The statutes specify that all property, real and personal, shall be assessed its actual cash value. It would scarcely be just, the solicitor said, to assess personal property dollar for dollar, and to assess real property at 75 cents on the dollar. The ordinance prepared originally by the solicitor, providing for four additional assessors in the city, was recommended for passage to Council, and the new men were allowed \$3 a day for ninety days.

The ordinance providing for an additional Council committee to consider all applications for liquor licenses, was recommended to Council, as was also an ordinance prohibiting the running of cattle at large within the city limits. At present the island is the only ward in the city where cattle are not at liberty to wander into back yards and upset garbage barrels. All the members but Mr. Robertson favored the ordinance. Mr. Robertson said he knew several ladies in the Fourth ward who made a nice living by pasturing their cattle on the flats out in East Wheeling. He did not believe in taking the bread out of these ladies' mouths. The ordinance was favorably recommended to Council, Mr. Robertson voting no.

THE FIRE COMMITTEE held a very long session yesterday evening, but did not transact much business. Bills aggregating \$358.63 were audited. The bids for the purchase of the temporary engine house in North Wheeling, were opened and the house given to J. A. Ebbert, who offered to give the city the privilege of using a private alley in the rear of the Vigilant engine house, so that hay and feed can be deposited in the loft from the rear. Wilson & Co. were allowed \$1,000 on account, on the sum due them for the new Vigilant engine house. The appointment of Extramam Klech, in place of Extramam Sadler, resigned, was confirmed, as was also the appointment of Ned O'Malley, as city engineer at the Niagara engine house, vice Meziel, resigned.

LOCAL BRIEFITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

THE GRAND this evening—"Royston's Oath."

SEVERAL new awnings have appeared—an unending sign of spring.

NO MORE attractions will be seen at the Opera House this week.

LAST night the street sweeper was around the centre part of town, stirring up a dust.

WAGES of engineers and firemen on the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad are to be increased.

ALL the business at Clerk Hook's office yesterday was the recording of three deeds of trust.

PLENTY of wild flowers are out in bloom in the sheltered nooks in the country now, but roses cost as much as ever.

NUMEROUS balls are announced for Easter Monday, among them one by the Mark Twain Rod and Gun Club, at Turner hall.

A REGULAR bi-weekly session of the City Council will be held this evening, and a great deal of important business is piled up for consideration.

A PROGRESSIVE euchre party will be given this evening by the Wheeling Cyclers at their hall on South Jacob street. It promises to be a delightful affair.

YESTERDAY was a model spring day except as to temperature. It was cold enough to make those who adopted spring styles in underclothing regret their premature action.

AT the Main street stone bridge all the timber of the false work has now been removed down to the piling, which will be saved off at the creek bed line with a steam rotary saw such as was used on the two river bridges.

MANAGER JERROLD, of the Western Pennsylvania Phonograph Company, has placed a phonograph in Windsor's drug store, at Wellsburg, where the Wellsburg people can hear all the late music as it is received by Mr. Jarrold. A phonograph has also been placed in the Henrietta hotel, at Moundsville.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Miss Hattie Anderson, of Wellsburg, is visiting friends in the city.

M. S. Riley, of Clarksburg, registered yesterday at the Stamm house.

Miss Mary Kennedy, of Steubenville, is visiting friends on the South Side.

Virgil A. Lewis, of Point Pleasant, and W. A. Long, of South Side, W. Va., are at the Stamm.

Val Heaton, an old Wheeling boy now representing the popular "P. & P." kid gloves, is in the city.

L. W. Burchinal and T. M. Calvert, of Mannington, and S. B. Phillips, of Buckhannon, were at the Behler yesterday.

G. L. Hendershot, of Parkersburg, and W. G. Mollatt, of Alexander, W. Va., registered yesterday at the Windsor.

"Uncle" Jimmie Cochran, the veteran toll gate keeper on the Fairmont pike at the head of Twenty-ninth street, is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Joliff and Miss Minnie Glover, of Uniontown, W. Va., were among the guests at the Behler yesterday.

Mr. G. B. Burris, a prominent insurance man of Raleigh, N. C., who has been the guest of friends in the city during the past week, left for Clarksburg yesterday.

Miss Louise Montague and seven other members of the "Ship Ahoy" company, stopped at the McLure House. Six registered at the Behler and five at the Stamm.

The funeral of Augustine Handlan, who died in Arkansas, will take place this morning at 8:45, from the residence of his brother, W. C. Handlan. Requiem mass will be sung at the cathedral at 9 a. m.

Mrs. Lillie McGregor, of Taylor, Texas, who has been visiting relatives here for some time, will leave to-day for New York, where she goes to receive treatment in one of the hospitals for her impaired health.

Mrs. W. P. Thompson, of New York, returned to her home yesterday after spending a few months with Mr. Thompson's mother, two miles east of this city on the national road. She was accompanied by Mrs. Plott Zane, who will be her guest for some time.

A number of prominent Ohio Republicans stopped in the city last evening while on their way to Steubenville, to look supper at the Fort Henry club. Senator Eckley, of Carroll county; Mayor Scott, Judge Miller, Colonel Harry Sherrard, of Governor McKinley's staff, and W. P. Johnson, of the Evening Star, of Steubenville, were in the party. They left on the late train on the Pan-Handle road for home.

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BOOTHS AND BALLOT BOXES.

The Joint Committee Selects Paraphernalia for Carrying out the Australian Election Law.

The joint committee appointed by the County Commissioners and City Council to purchase paraphernalia for the elections under the Australian system, met last evening at the county board's office, after considerable skirmishing to raise a quorum, with the following members present: Messrs. Hall, Robertson, O'Kane, Bailey, Freese, McGinley, Gruss, Koch and McGregor, the chairman.

Scaled bids were received from six different firms, for 152 polling booths, 60 ballot boxes, 162 guard rail posts with ropes, and 54 election tables.

The following were the bids received: Zuckriegel & Co., Tell City, Ind., single suspension booth, \$3; wooden double booths, \$9; triple, \$12; with painted iron covered crates for storage, \$3 extra; ballot boxes, \$3 50 and \$4; guard rails, with twenty feet of rope, \$1 50; with twenty-five feet of rope, \$2; folding tables, each with six folding chairs, \$10 each.

G. D. Barnard & Co., St. Louis, painted steel booths, \$8; steel annexes, \$7; wood, \$5; annexes, \$4; canvass, \$1; annexes, \$3 50—this to include post and guard rails. Jannaped iron ballot boxes, \$4 50.

VanDorn Iron Co., Cleveland, Ohio, wood ballot boxes, two locks, \$3 10; tables, \$3 90; guard rails and posts, 45 cents; gates, 75 cents each; rope, three-fourth cent per foot; chain, one cent per foot.

Koontz Bros. & Phillips, New Martinsville, W. Va., booths, \$3 50; folding ballot boxes, wood, \$3 75; sixty pieces of twenty foot rope, 25 cents each; tables, \$5 50; guard rails, 50 cents.

Bradley, Gilbert & Co., Louisville, Ky., booths, \$6; ten ballot boxes, \$1 85, less 20 per cent discount.

Wheeling Hinge Co., booths, steel frames and cloth sides, \$3 50, \$4 and \$4 75, according to style.

On motion of Mr. O'Kane a secret ballot was taken on the booths, to show the committee's preferences, resulting in Zuckriegel & Co. receiving six votes, Koontz Bros. & Phillips one, and G. D. Barnard & Co. two. After considerable discussion the Zuckriegel triple booth was adopted, to cost \$15 each, with outer sides of crates covered with painted iron for preservation and storage.

This booth, which was the cheapest and most durable booth shown to the committee, is built of bass and poplar wood, and stands six feet and six inches high, with interior space of 29 by 29 inches, with translucent curtains. This booth is a marvel of ingenuity. In construction it is strong and durable, and can be folded up after use into a small compass and locked. It also contains space for the storage of ballot boxes, guard rails, etc.

The Barnard ballot box was adopted on an open vote. It resembles very much in shape a "peanut roaster," is made of japanned iron, with a double lock, no two keys of any box being alike, and it also has a patent seal inside, which is closed after use and cannot be opened until the box is unlocked. It costs \$4 50 each.

The guard rails and rope of Zuckriegel & Co. were adopted at a cost of \$2 each. The table selected by the committee is manufactured by the Van Dorn Iron Co., of Cleveland, is an excellent and substantial table, with a stained pine top and patent folding iron legs, and when closed it occupies a space of three inches deep and can be stored in piles. The price was \$2 90.

Following shows the total cost of the material contracted for:

152 polling booths at \$15.....	\$2,280 00
162 guard rails, posts and rope at \$2.....	\$321 00
60 ballot boxes at \$4 50.....	270 00
54 election tables at \$3 90.....	210 00
Total.....	\$3,081 00

TWO PRESBYTERIES TO-DAY.

Meetings of Important Church Councils in this City.

The spring meeting of the Presbytery of Washington, the organization of which the three Wheeling churches are constituent parts, will open in the Second Presbyterian church at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The spring meeting is always the important session of the year. This afternoon will be devoted to preliminary business, and this evening Rev. C. M. Alford, the retiring moderator, will preach his farewell sermon.

At this session the representatives of the presbytery in the general assembly will be selected, and at least three, perhaps more, candidates for license will be examined. There will be other important subjects for consideration, to say nothing of the usual mass of routine business. The sessions will continue till Thursday evening.

The Presbytery of Wheeling of the U. P. church will also convene in this city to-day, opening in Rev. Dr. McClure's church at 10 a. m. This will also be an important session. It will choose delegates and alternates to the General Assembly, and one candidate for license will come before it.

In connection with the session of the presbytery there will be an interesting congregational meeting of the church here Wednesday evening after the session of the presbytery. Rev. Dr. McClure will ask the church to represent to the presbytery that owing to his increasing age he is not able to perform all the work incumbent upon the pastor of the congregation here, and to ask that an assistant be appointed.

At the Electric Plant. During the past two days, the electric plant has presented a very busy appearance, both engines being run at full speed. All trouble with the belt on the south fly wheel has been obviated since the ridge in the centre has been reduced by a lathe.

Only one dynamo was used yesterday to test the lamps. Already over one half of the lamps have been tested and found perfect. The hanging of lamps in the second circuit, on the island, was finished yesterday, the hanging of lamps in the first circuit, North Wheeling, having been completed last week. All the steam pipes and upright boilers at the plant are being covered with asbestos to prevent the pipes from being chilled by cold air. Frank Perkins, of the Keystone Cement Company, of this city is doing the work.

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